

21st Century University Commission lifts off

Group discussions under way to determine the future of UTB

By Alex Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

UT-Brownsville President Juliet V. García is inviting faculty, staff



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Hilda Silva (right), vice president for Student Affairs, leads the discussion in the Student Life work group of the 21st Century University Commission Thursday night. The group includes (from left) Creative Services Senior Editor Isis Lopez, Creative Services Assistant Director Camilla Montoya, Associate Professor Tom Nevill and UTB/TSC graduate Edward Camarillo.

and members of the community to discuss the next steps in developing the university into a scholastic titan. The initial meeting of the 21st

Century University Commission took place last Thursday night in the Student Union’s Gran Salón. See **CENTURY**, Page 6

Survival: College dating

Sixth in a Series

By Marlane Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

With a list of demands from a full school and work schedule, junior early childhood education major Karel Cisneros is among the many students who is devoted to a healthy romantic relationship. Cisneros said trust, communication and time management are some of the key ingredients to her healthy relationship. “First comes school, then work, then whatever [time] is left with the relationship,”



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she said. Her parents’ approval of the relationship is another factor in the success of the relationship, Cisneros said. “You need to find a guy that is trustworthy, independent, respectful, honest, loyal, a godly man,” she said. “If he can provide for you as well as be a friend.” Associate Professor of Communication Sharaf Rehman said students should take

A component in unhealthy relationships is co-dependency, which is an addiction to people in relationships. Students struggling with co-dependency can find support at Celebrate Recovery, a support ministry offered by Brownsville Community Fellowship Church.

every single opportunity they have to go out on a date. “There are all kinds of advantages to going out with new people and meeting new people,” Rehman said. “So everybody ought to do this.” Although dating is an important part of college life, Rehman said a student’s main purpose in college is to learn. See **DATING**, Page 8

Latino leadership

Author Hinojosa-Smith will speak at Gran Salón Thursday

By Kaila Contreras
THE COLLEGIAN

Rolando Hinojosa-Smith, the renowned author of the “Klail City Death Trip Series” and an English professor at the University of Texas at Austin, will talk about leadership from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union’s Gran Salón.

The Latino Leadership Lecture Series is sponsored by the Student Union.

Hinojosa-Smith is a novelist who was born and raised in Mercedes. He is the Ellen Garwood Professor of Creative Writing at UT-Austin.

Student Union Assistant Director Patricia Longoria said this event will provide students with an opportunity for cultural enrichment that they are not typically exposed to.

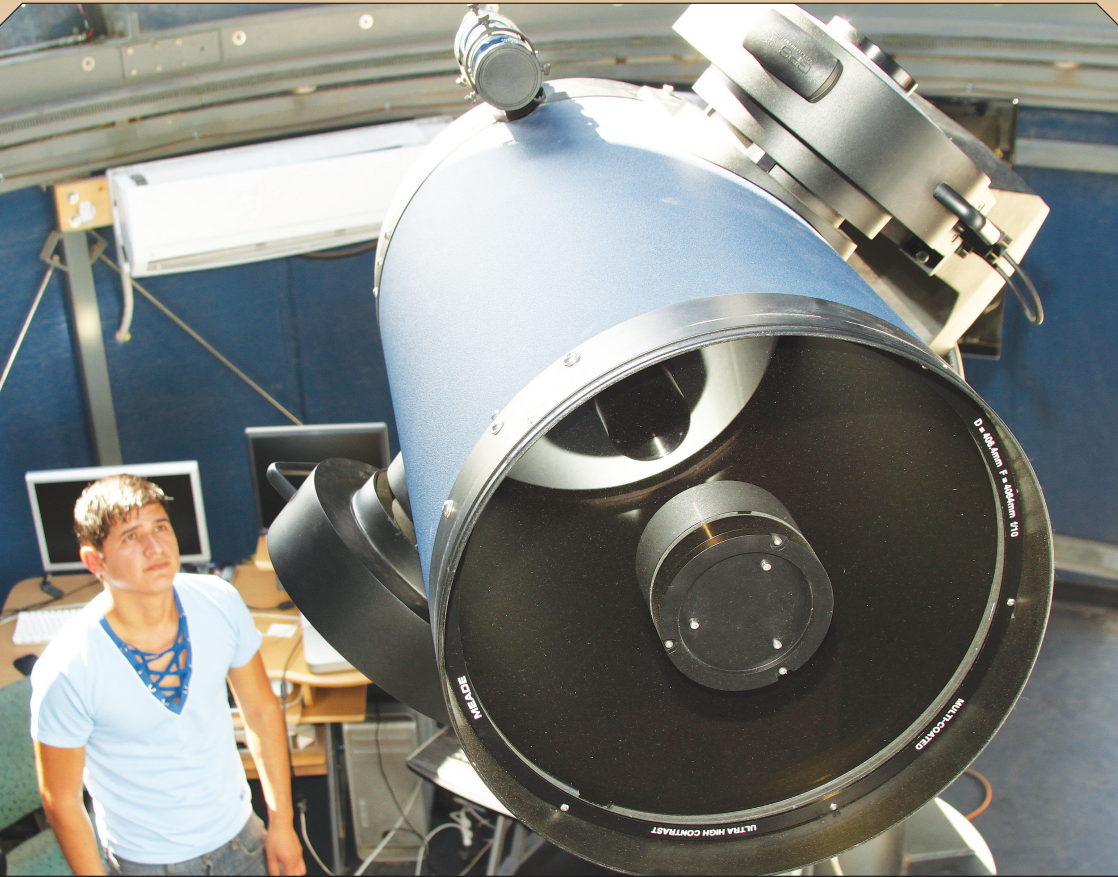
In an e-mail to *The Collegian*, Longoria wrote that it is necessary to prepare a new generation of leaders in the Latino community who are able to draw upon their own deep cultural roots.

The lecture will provide students with an opportunity “to be able to meet, listen and interact with somebody that has contributed to Latino culture,” Longoria said.

Hinojosa-Smith is an alumnus of Texas Southmost College.

“Dr. Hinojosa-Smith is a former distinguished alumni and he was actually here to give a commencement speech a few

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MIGUEL ANGEL ROBERTS/COLLEGIAN

By Alex Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

Students are capable of many feats. Some work a couple of jobs, some have families, but others push the limits by spending long nights looking at the sky through a telescope at UTB/TSC’s observatory.

The Nompuewenu Observatory is located on Ringgold Road, a short distance from the REK Center and next to the Brownsville Early College High School. The observatory was built in Australia, shipped here in pieces, and assembled by students in 2007. It opened in 2009.

Mario Diaz, director of the Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy, oversees observatory operations. The observation research team consists of Juan Garcia, a graduate student in physics; Jose Puente, a junior engineering physics-electrical major who serves as the observatory’s engineer; and Samantha Fuentes, a

To infinity and beyond

Students work to synchronize observatory’s research equipment

Junior engineering physics-electrical major Jose Puente watches the Meade 16-inch LX200ACF telescope move after inputting the celestial coordinates. He was assigned as an observatory engineer and researcher by UTB/TSC’s Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy. Puente also put together a system that is able to synchronize all of the equipment at the observatory.

graduate student in physics and the observatory’s manager.

The team shares the responsibility of maintaining and operating the equipment inside the observatory. They remove the dust from the hardware and fix all the problems that arise, even if it means climbing on the roof.

Puente said the Nompuewenu Observatory is used to train students in “data reduction techniques and the development of low-latency pipeline to respond to LIGO [laser interferometer gravitational wave] era triggers.” First, images are taken with the telescope and then the images are reduced to get the important information from them with multitudes of software such as the IRAF (image reduction and analysis facility).

In order to perform research at the facility, a great deal of preparation takes

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By Héctor Aguilar

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UTB/TSC senior biology major Sanjuana Carolina Zavala was at the White House last month helping Jarrod Bernstein, the director of Jewish outreach in the Office of Public Engagement, and accidentally opened a door where President Obama was.

“I opened the door and [President Obama] was there and I freaked out and made a sound,” Zavala said.

President Obama, she said, recognized her from the biographies of those being

honored as Champions of Change by the White House and she was able to speak to him.

Zavala was honored on Sept. 20 and 21 for her involvement in the Circle K International service organization. She is not only a member, but also oversees 23 clubs as Texas-Oklahoma governor at district level for Circle K. She is also in charge of coordinating and holding a fall retreat and a district convention as well as communicating with club officers to report service hours and events.

Sanjuana Carolina Zavala, a senior biology major, was recognized as a Champion of Change by the White House Sept. 20 and 21. Zavala has contributed to various causes as governor of the Texas-Oklahoma district of the Circle K International service organization.

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to Campus Police between Sept. 6 and 11.

Sunday, Sept. 9

1:55 a.m.: A man and a student were arrested on Tyler Street after a car chase that began at Casa Bella. The student was arrested on a charge of disobeying a police officer and public intoxication. The man was detained on charges of possession of marijuana and public intoxication. A Campus Police officer tried to pull their car over in the student housing complex to explain the visiting and curfew regulations but the vehicle continued to move. The student, who was driving a Dodge Charger, left Casa Bella and did not yield to other vehicles when he turned onto FJRM Avenue, at which point another Campus Police officer began to pursue him. The vehicle was pulled over on Tyler Street. A strong odor of alcohol was detected on the two men. The officer found a cup with alcohol inside it. The passenger was asked to exit the vehicle and admitted to having a bag of marijuana in his pocket weighing .0145 ounces. The student failed a sobriety test and was also issued a traffic violation for failing to stop at a stop sign. Both were transported to the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center.

Monday, Sept. 10

5:22 p.m.: Two students were arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after plastic cups with small amounts of alcohol were found on the kitchen table and empty alcohol bottles were found by the trashcan inside an apartment in Casa Bella. A strong smell of marijuana was detected inside the student’s bedroom. The officer found a plastic bottle filled with dryer sheets inside the student’s bathroom trashcan, which the officer stated was

often used to mask the smell of pot. Inside a wooden box in the bathroom, the officer found three plastic bags with .0115 ounces of pot, one wooden container, one glass container, one brown grinder and two rolling devices, all with marijuana residue, and one package of rolling papers. Both students were transported to Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center. The student who was not a resident at Casa Bella was also issued a criminal trespass warning. .

Tuesday, Sept. 11

5:05 p.m.: A Campus Police officer was waved down by a Scorpion Metro bus driver who said a group of suspicious-looking men left the brush area next to Jackson Street and University Boulevard. He noticed a car pick them up and pointed to the vehicle that was still in the area. The officer asked the dispatcher to notify U.S. Border Patrol. The officer then followed the vehicle after it left Jackson Street and noticed the passengers were not wearing seat belts. He stopped the car and found two men and one child in the vehicle and a woman who was driving. The child belonged to the woman. The men did not have any identification and Border Patrol took custody of them for being in the country illegally. They also took custody of the woman but she was later released because they did not have sufficient information to prosecute her. The agent told Campus Police that she admitted to using a false ID when she was pulled over. The woman was picked up and placed under arrest by Campus Police, who transported her to the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center. Her child was picked up by a relative.

Last October, the UTB/TSC chapter of Circle K International asked elementary schools in Brownsville to donate used or unwanted crayons. The club gathered 1,700 pounds of crayons that will be recycled to make new crayons that will ultimately be donated to 10 daycare centers in Brownsville.

The recycling process consists of sorting crayons by color, peeling the labels, melting them and pouring the melted wax into candy molds to make different



shaped crayons.

“[The materials] are actually very inexpensive and things you can find in your house,” Zavala said. “I didn’t buy expensive stoves and expensive molds.”

So far, the club has used 25 of the 1,700 pounds and plans to donate any extra crayons to other

institutions.

“If we do [have extra crayons], we’re going to donate them to other organizations like the Children’s Museum and the [Build a] Better Block fest and places where they might need crayons, like the zoo.”

Zavala believes that these efforts will be a step in making children’s days in daycares located in low-income areas more enjoyable.

“Something like buckets of really cool colors can really brighten up their day and make a

Circle K International members at UTB/TSC collected 1,700 pounds of used and unwanted crayons from local elementary schools and recycled them into crayons of various shapes to donate to daycare centers in Brownsville.

difference for those kids,” she said.

As Texas-Oklahoma governor for Circle K, Zavala proposed raising money to meet a goal of \$5,000 to fight maternal and neonatal tetanus.

“The Eliminate Project, it’s a global campaign that Kiwanis

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The **Catholic Campus Ministry** will present “**Theology on Tap**,” where young adults can learn and discuss their faith from 7 to 9 tonight at “Roosevelt’s At 7,” 821 N. Main St. in McAllen. For more information, call Catholic Campus Minister **Lisa Lysaght** at 541-9697.

POWER PLANNER

The **Student Success Center** will host a workshop titled “**Power Planner: How to Create Your Dream Schedule**” from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in Tandy Hall 113. The workshop is designed to help students plan their classes for next semester. For more information, call 882-8292.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

The **Catholic Campus Ministry** will conduct **free sign language classes** at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Newman Center, 1910 University Blvd. For more information, call Catholic Campus Minister **Lisa Lysaght** at 541-9697.

LATINO LEADERSHIP LECTURE

Rolando Hinojosa-Smith, a novelist and South Texas native, will speak about leadership from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union’s Gran Salón. Admission is free. For more information, call Student Union Assistant Director **Patricia Longoria** at 882-5033 or e-mail patricia.m.longoria@utb.edu.

FEED ME FRIDAYS

The **Catholic Campus Ministry** hosts a **free lunch** at noon Friday in the Newman Center, 1910 University Blvd., followed by a Bible study at 1 p.m. For more information, call Catholic Campus Minister

Lisa Lysaght at 541-9697.

ZOOFARI 2012

The **Gladys Porter Zoo** will host “**Zoofari 2012: It’s Magical**” from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The fundraiser consists of food, music and auctions. Proceeds will go toward the new **South Texas Discovery Education Center**. Tickets are \$125 for members and \$135 for non-members. For more information, call Public Relations Coordinator **Cristina Caballero** at 546-7187 or visit www.gpz.org.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S

The **Brownsville Healthy Communities, Office of Student Life** and the **Office of the Vice President for Research at UT-Brownsville** will host “**Walk to End Alzheimer’s Disease**” from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Oct. 13 on the lawn adjacent to Tandy Hall and the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library. The event is open to the public. For more information, call Special Projects Coordinator **Maria Cuvillier** at 882-7671 or e-mail maria.cuvillier1@utb.edu.

**QUEEN ISABELLA BRIDGE
MAINTENANCE**

Lane closures on the **Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge** are scheduled between Oct. 17 and March 1, 2013, so that the **Texas Department of Transportation** can conduct preventive maintenance on and below the span. For more information, contact South Padre Island Public Information Officer **Naida Robles** at 761-3800 or visit www.myspi.org.

--Compiled by Kaila Contreras

Health insurance for students

SGA to promote plan; is asked to take part in 21st Century University Commission

By Magaly Rosales

THE COLLEGIAN

The UTB/TSC Student Government Association will soon start promoting the University of Texas System's Student Health Insurance Plan.

Resolution No. 7, approved during last Tuesday's SGA meeting, authorizes the senate to advertise the health insurance and allocate no more than \$30 to buy lollipops and water bottles for its promotion.

The SGA will set up information tables to inform students about health insurance, and will hand out lollipops and water bottles to students.

"It's one of the largest insurance providers of the state of Texas," School of Business Senator Alexandra Rodriguez told *The Collegian* about Academic Health Care-Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas. "It's going to go ahead and cover pretty much anything--doctors, medication, emergency

expenses to a certain extent."

The annual cost for insurance Plan 1 is \$1,204 and \$1,852 for Plan 2. The fall and spring semester prices are \$462 for Plan 1 and \$710 for Plan 2. For Summer I, Plan 1 is \$280 and Plan 2 is \$430; for Summer II, Plan 1 is \$254, according to the application for insurance on the website, www.academichealthplans.com

Those eligible for the health insurance plan are UT System students who are taking credit hours, graduate students working on research/ dissertation or thesis, post doctorate students, scholars, fellow and visiting scholars, the website states.

The plan covers injury and sickness. Some of the benefits include but are not limited to inpatient hospitalization, outpatient doctor's visits, X-rays, laboratory charges, surgery and emergency care. There are limitations and maximums that may apply.

The plan uses BlueChoicePPO Network for its network provider. The network



BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN

School of Business Senator Alexandra E. Rodriguez reads Resolution 7, which authorizes the SGA to promote the student health insurance plan for UTB/TSC students, during last Tuesday's meeting.

consists of facilities and doctors that have joined together to offer services at reduced rates, the website states. Expenses may be less in the preferred provider network than would be charges from non-preferred providers.

Covered benefits for the 2012-2013 policy

year are payable at 80 percent or 60 percent, up to the policy maximum, unless otherwise specified in the policy.

For more information about student health insurance, visit <https://www.academichealthplans.com/utb/2012-2013/>

During the SGA Adviser's Corner, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Mari Fuentes-Martin told the SGA about the 21st Century University Commission. The commission is a four-week committee that will address topics regarding the future of UT Brownsville.

"There is going to be some discussion about where UTB is going, what it should look like, what should we offer, what can we do different, what do we do well," Fuentes-Martin said. "There are lots of questions. We really don't know what we will look like in two years, in five years, in 10 years."

Seven topics the commission will address are "Unique Attributes of an Education in Brownsville," "Halfway through 21st Century Careers," "Successful Student Model," "Student Life," "Innovative Technology for Teaching, Learning and Connection," "Well-Funded University Model" and "Mothers Making a Difference."

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SGA grows

5 Elected freshman senators to be sworn into office Tuesday

By Magaly Rosales

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The five seats in the UTB/TSC Student Government Association's



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freshman senate have been filled.

In an election conducted Sept. 24 and 25, biology major Kimberly Guajardo received 123 votes; physics major George A. Garcia, 70;

Judicial Affairs Coordinator and Student Government Association Adviser David Marquez announces the winners of the freshman senator election. Nine students competed for five seats on SGA in the election held Sept. 24 and 25.

communication major Jacqueline Lee, 64; biology major Elizabeth Hurtado, 54; and, business major Rafael A. Chico, 47.


Of the nine students who met the qualifications to run for the freshman senate, five attended the mandatory election advising meeting on Sept. 21 and were placed on the ballot.

The results were announced last Tuesday by Judicial Affairs Coordinator and SGA Adviser David Marquez.


"Looking at the fact that [there are] five seats and only five candidates, then the election consisted of simply how many votes each student got," Marquez said.

Three hundred fifty-eight votes were cast in the election that was conducted via Blackboard.

The newly elected freshman senators will be sworn into office during the next SGA meeting, which takes place at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday in Student Union 2.16.




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How I know, how you can know

By Samantha Ruiz
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I guess you can call me a fool in love, but I couldn't help falling in love with the right guy. I've been dating Chris for more than four years. It's hard to explain, but I don't even notice how long we've been together because it just feels so right, like it's a way of life for me already. This may sound cheesy, but Chris is my prince charming. Some of you might ask, "How do you know he's really the one?" By explaining this, you will know how I know he's the one, and hopefully, you will find some factors to look for in someone so you, too, can find the right person.

I know he's it because most importantly, I can trust him. If I left \$100 in Chris' car, I know I'll either get it back immediately or that it will be safe until I can get it back. I have told him my deepest, darkest fears, and unlike others, he has yet to make fun of me for them, or mention them to other people, and I know he never would. These are just some examples of how trusting I can be with him.

Chris is the one for me because he is kind. Once, while at the mall, Chris had to stop and help a little boy who had fallen from the stairs by the movie theater. Chris just had to make sure the boy was OK. He also waited once for my night class to end just so he could walk me to my car and watch me leave. People nowadays don't do things like that.

I was surprised when we first started dating how he would talk around me. I had heard him speak with other people and noticed

that he spoke very different with me. I thought maybe he didn't like me so I confronted him. He told me he didn't want me to feel offended or disrespected by saying profane words in front of me. That's respect that many people lack today. He is a true gentleman who never allows me to carry my backpack or heavy bags. He sometimes takes my bags as he is dropping me off at home and carries them for me until I get inside.

A quality that I love most about Chris is his sense of humor. He can make me laugh for days. He makes silly faces or says the funniest things that I can never forget. Sometimes, I get upset because he jokes around at times when I want him to be serious, but for the most part, I enjoy having a laugh with him that lightens the mood of a gloomy or stressful day.

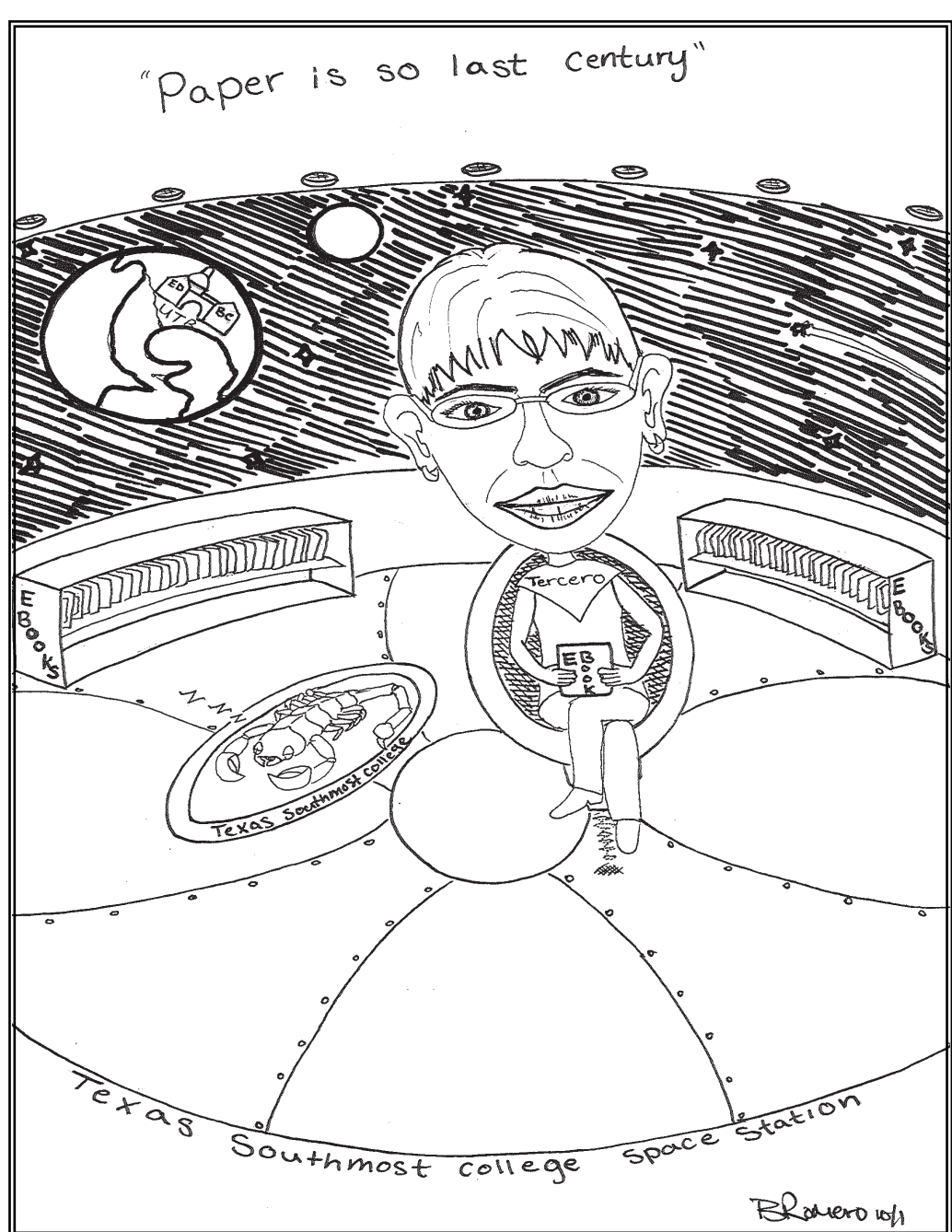
Another thing about him that tells me he's the one is him. He's told me, after four months of dating, that he wants to marry me and spend the rest of his life with me. He proved that desire of his with a promise ring that he gave me on our one-year anniversary. He tells me the same things to this day, and I still wear the ring because even though it's been a while, I know he'll keep his promise. I'm willing to wait as long as it takes because I know he's working hard to make things perfect for our future.

Every day he does little things that remind me of how much I love him. The big things like trust and his respect toward me are a very important part of what makes our relationship, but it's the little things he does that tell me this is it. He's a boyfriend, friend, a wonderful person to be around and a gift to know. I can't imagine a future without him in it. Say what you may about my personal account but even you won't be able to deny that I'm right, he is the one.

Hospital.

The Kappas did their best in raising money for this charitable event. We raised \$838, which is more than any of us expected. It's unfortunate that this event was not a part of the point system of this competition, making some of the other Greeks not as passionate about raising funds. So win or lose, I want my pledges and sisters to know that I am proud of this accomplishment and am extremely grateful for their efforts. In the end, it was not about competing for a trophy, which is an inanimate object, but helping children with terminal cancer and that is what being a Kappa is all about.

Cynthia Hernandez
Graduate Student
Kappa Omega President



Think WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT UTB?



April Ramirez
Nursing sophomore

"I'd like to see more cross fit activity. I know a lot of students do like to do cross fit. They don't have it here at UTB. I'm guessing it would be great for certain students who would like to try something new, to get active, do more workouts, get in shape."



Joshual Aranda
Management freshman

"I would like to see more workout sessions at the REK, probably some trainers to come and help out, you know, fitness classes. I don't know, maybe football here or Frisbee. I don't know, something like that."



Kaitlin Lara
Communication senior

"I'd have to say more eatery options in the cafeteria."

"I'd have to say, I guess more diverse places to eat, instead of just one, like Chick-fil-A."

Brittney Moreno
Biology senior

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Romney decries military cuts; Obama talking jobs

By David Espo
and Kasie Hunt
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.--President Obama pledged to create many more jobs and "make the middle class secure again" in a campaign-closing appeal last Thursday--more than five weeks before Election Day--to voters already casting ballots in large numbers.

Republican Mitt Romney, focusing on threats beyond American shores, accused the commander in chief of backing



CAROLYN KASTER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama waves as he walks from Marine One to the Oval Office of the White House last Thursday, as he returned from Virginia.

dangerous cuts in defense spending.

"The idea of cutting our military is unthinkable and devastating. And when I become president we will not," declared the challenger, struggling to reverse a slide in opinion polls.

Romney and Obama campaigned a few hundred miles apart in Virginia, 40 days before their long race ends. They'll be in much closer quarters on Wednesday in Denver--for the first of three presidential debates on the campaign calendar and perhaps the challenger's best remaining chance to change the trajectory of the campaign.

In a race where the economy is the dominant issue, there was a fresh sign of national weakness as the Commerce Department lowered its earlier estimate of tepid growth last spring. Romney and his allies seized on the news as evidence that Obama's policies aren't working.

There was good news for the president in the form of a survey by the *Washington Post* and Kaiser Family Foundation suggesting he has gained ground among older voters after a monthlong ad war over Republican plans for Medicare.

Early voting has already begun in Virginia as well as South Dakota, Idaho and Vermont. It began during the day in Wyoming as well as in Iowa, like Virginia, one of the most highly contested states. Early voters had formed a line a half-block long in Des Moines before the elections office opened at 8 a.m.

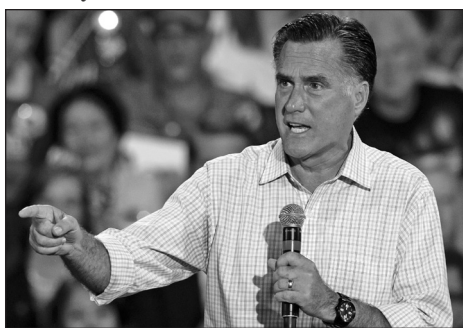
Campaigning in Virginia Beach, Obama said, "It's time for a new economic patriotism, an economic patriotism rooted in the belief that growing our economy begins with a strong and thriving middle class." It was a line straight from

the two-minute television commercial his campaign released overnight.

He said that if re-elected he would back policies to create a million new manufacturing jobs, help businesses double exports and give tax breaks to companies that "invest in America, not ship jobs overseas." He pledged to cut oil imports in half while doubling the fuel efficiency of cars and trucks, make sure there are 100,000 new teachers trained in math and science, cut the growth of college tuition in half and expand student aid "so more Americans can afford it."

He also touted a "balanced plan to reduce the deficit by \$4 trillion," but he included \$1 trillion in reductions that already have taken place, and he took credit for saving half of the funds budgeted for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that no longer are needed.

Romney campaigned at an American Legion hall in Springfield, Va., a suburb of Washington, D.C., accusing Obama of supporting cuts in the defense budget that would be detrimental to the nation's military readiness.



RICK OSENTOSKI/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks to supporters at the Seagate Center in Toledo, Ohio, last Wednesday during a campaign stop.

"The world is not a safe place. It remains dangerous," he said, referring to North Korea, Syria, Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan. "The idea of cutting our military commitment by a trillion dollars over this decade is unthinkable and devastating."

Appealing for support from his audience, he said, "You realize we have fewer ships in the Navy than any time since 1917. ... Our Air Force is older and smaller than any time since 1947, when it was formed. This is unacceptable. And the idea of shrinking our active duty personnel by 100,000 or 200,000--I want to add 100,000 to active duty personnel."

To have a strong military, he said, it's imperative to have a strong economy, yet he added that growth in China and Russia is stronger than in the United States. He predicted that under Obama, there would be no improvement.

Associated Press writers Matthew Daly in Springfield, Va., Beth Fouhy in New York and Ben Feller and Jim Kuhnhenn in Washington contributed to this report. Espo reported from Washington.

Make the difference

Rock the Vote set
for Wednesday

By Kaila Contreras
THE COLLEGIAN

The Office of Student Life, Center for Civic Engagement and Associate Professor John A. Cook's Speech 1311 class will host Rock the Vote from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday on the Student Union lawn.

Student Life Director Sergio Martinez said the purpose of Rock the Vote is to bring awareness and remind students to register to vote.

"We're working with the Center for Civic Engagement and the Civic Engagement scholars and [they] help us solicit volunteers as well as the campus community to help students register to vote," Martinez said.

The event will consist of speeches, food, music and giveaways to help

the students realize the importance of voting. The last time Rock the Vote took place was in 2008. Officials are expecting 300 students to attend.

"We have been working with Dr. John Cook and his class on identifying some students to speak on the importance of voting," Martinez said.

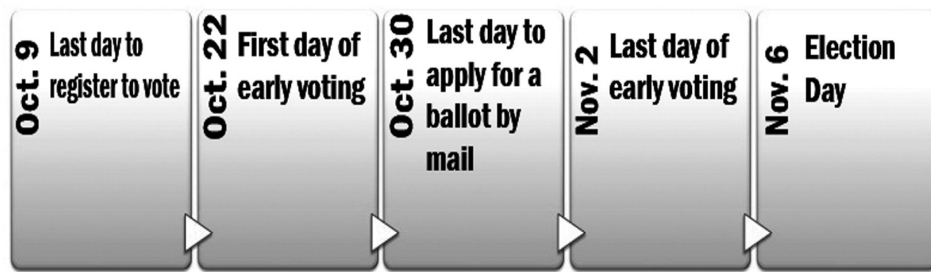
Twenty-seven of Cook's students will participate by coordinating a Free Speech Alley, and deputy registrars, five of whom are in Cook's class, will be present to help students register to vote.

"A free speech alley is something a lot of students are familiar with; we do it on campus a lot," said Cook, who also serves as Communication Department chair. "We invite anyone to come to the mic and make a two-minute speech on voting."

He hopes this event will help his students realize the importance of public speaking.

For more information on Rock the Vote, call the Office of Student Life at 882-5138 or the Center for Civic Engagement at 882-4300.

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Kaitlin Lara of Sigma Psi Delta (left) edges Marcela Garza of Kappa Omega in the kayak race held last Wednesday on the Fort Brown Resaca. The event was part of the first Greek Week at UTB/TSC. Sororities and fraternities competed in several events throughout the week for a chance to earn the Greek Cup.



MIGUEL ANGEL ROBERTS/COLLEGIAN

Freshman nursing major Tania Ivanova, a member of Kappa Omega, strikes a car Sept. 24 during the Smash'n'Bash event, the first of many activities celebrating the first Greek Week at UTB/TSC. The Greek Council sponsored the event on the Student Union lawn to promote friendly competition among all fraternity and sorority organizations on campus.

Greek Week

Tops in trivia

Mu Alpha Nu leaves opponents in the dust

By Eréndira Santillana
THE COLLEGIAN

Mu Alpha Nu defeated three other organizations in the Trivia Bowl last Tuesday, stepping closer to being awarded the ultimate prize of Greek Week, the Greek Cup.

The social fraternity competed against Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Psi Delta and Kappa Omega. Held on



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Members of Mu Alpha Nu react after scoring a point during last Tuesday's Trivia Bowl. Shown (from left) are Rolando Ocañas, vice president; Frank Corral, community service chair and assistant pledge master; Rico Griffin, pledge master; and Michael Espinosa, pledge. Mu Alpha Nu won the contest with 26 points, followed by Sigma Psi Delta with 19 points; Tau Kappa Epsilon, 15 points; and Kappa Omega, 11 points.

the Student Union lawn, the Trivia Bowl was the third event of the first Greek Week at UTB/TSC.

The contest was divided into seven categories: entertainment, history, arts and literature, geography,

and science and nature. For the final round, questions from all categories were used. Mu Alpha Nu earned 26

points, followed by Sigma Psi Delta with 19; TKE, 15; and, Kappa Omega, 11.

Players on the winning team were Rolando Ocañas, vice president; Rico Griffin, pledge master; Frank Corral, community service chair and assistant pledge master; Jesus De León; and, Michael Espinoza, a pledge who replaced De Leon in the fifth round.

The event was conducted by Student Life Director Sergio Martinez. The scores were kept by Kappa Omega pledge Dee Ramos. Sigma Psi Delta's Parliamentarian Corinna Reyna and member Sophie Cantu kept track of which contestant first raised his or her hand to answer a question.

CENTURY

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"All of our planning must take place in a very compressed timeline, so over the next few weeks we will need to gather community input," García said.

UT-Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, which formed a partnership in 1991, are separating by 2015. Both are becoming independent institutions.

The commission is intended "to produce a list of dreams and ideas for a 21st century university," García said.

Also speaking at the start of the meeting were Brownsville Mayor

Tony Martinez and UTB Provost Alan Artibise.

Martinez said it is up to the community to set an example for what young people can do.

Artibise gave the example of how Phoenix's downtown was transformed by the establishment of an Arizona State University campus.

Attendees broke off into seven groups: Unique Attributes of an Education at UT-Brownsville, Pathways through College to 21st Century Careers, The Successful Student-to-Graduate Model, Student Life: On Campus, On-Line and On-Site, Innovative Technology for Teaching, Learning and Connections, A Well-Funded University Model

and University: A Family Affair.

Carlo Tamayo, director of Admissions and Recruitment, is part of the Pathways through College to 21st Century Careers discussion group.

"We talked about being able to really create a vision and be able to do it in a way that's really going to be best for students, the community, the region and beyond," Tamayo said.

"It really was talking about the first steps in establishing that vision and what steps we need to take to make sure that vision becomes reality."

The future group discussions will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 4, 10, and 17. They will also be broadcast to different off-campus locations in Port Isabel, Harlingen, Los Fresnos, San Benito, Donna and Raymondville.

COMING UP

WEBSTER TRIO IN CONCERT

The **Webster Trio** will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Arts Center. The trio consists of **Michael Webster** on clarinet, **Leone Buyse** on flute and **Robert Moeling** on piano. They are artists in residence at Rice University in Houston. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and children and \$5 for UTB/TSC students with a valid ID. The concert is part of UTB/TSC's **Patron of the Arts** program. For more information, call 882-7025.

'BOOK SHOW' EXHIBIT

The "**Book Show**," an exhibit of **miniature books** using printmaking techniques ranging from traditional relief to digital, continues until Oct. 12 in the **Art Gallery at Rusteberg Hall**. Admission is \$1. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday. For more information, call the **Patron of the Arts** program office at 882-7025.

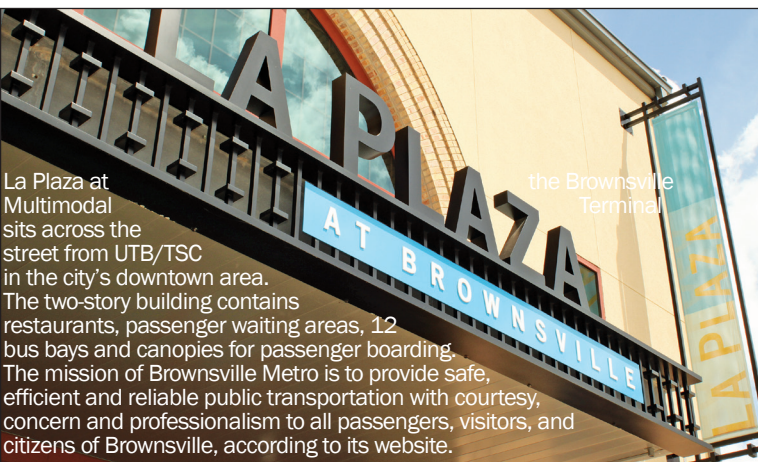
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A woman rides the bus after shopping for a scarecrow at the Wal-Mart on Boca Chica Boulevard.



MIGUEL ANGEL ROBERTS/COLLEGIAN PHOTOS
Ignacia Angeles reads as she waits for her final stop on Bus Route 13. Angeles has been riding the bus for 20 years to get around town.



Pedro Aguilar Jr., a freshman medical assistant major at Kaplan College, rides Route 13 while UTB/TSC sophomore computer information systems major Samuel Cortes (background) checks his assignments on Blackboard. UTB/TSC students and faculty ride for free, as long as they show proper identification.

Latin sounds to fill Arts Center

More than 100 students and faculty to perform in concert Saturday

By Gabriela Cavazos
THE COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC's Music Department will perform its annual Hispanic Heritage Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Arts Center. This will mark the concert's 12th consecutive year.

"I'm really proud of this concert because we are literally touching on 500 years of music, which is kind of unusual. It just worked out that way this year," said Richard Urbis, artistic director of the university's Patron of the Arts program and a Music Department professor. "It took a lot more work than I intended. ... We're still preparing for it. We were working on it since the summer in terms of trying to organize who was going to play what and at what time."

Asked how this concert would differ from others concerts, Urbis replied: "Some years we haven't had the breadth and depth of the historical; sometimes we've had



GABRIELA CAVAZOS/COLLEGIAN

Mariachi Escorpión, directed by Assistant Professor Antonio Briseño, will perform at the 12th annual Patron of the Arts Hispanic Heritage Concert, scheduled at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Arts Center.

what is traditionally, what is the meat of the Hispanic repertoire, which is music from the last 100 years, the late romantic era, music from about 1865 onward. So, in that sense, it's different."

In an e-mail to *The Collegian*, Urbis said the event "will be our most spectacular and historically informative Hispanic Heritage Concert ever."

"The public will discover that the music of Hispanic composers is varied and masterfully crafted and is aesthetically beautiful," he wrote.

Asked how the recent multicultural programming budget cut would affect future performances, Urbis replied: "The budget cuts won't affect what

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“We’re in college for a different purpose,” he said. “Our purpose really isn’t to find a life partner, but to develop life skills, skills that we will need to live our lives once we graduate.”

In his list of six habits of popular people, Rehman said students should like themselves, pay attention to their appearance, make a good first impression, be willing to help, use language effectively and be effective communicators in relationships.

In his acronym, R-E-S-P-E-C-T, Rehman said students should show genuine *respect* for the other person, use their *ears* to listen, *serve* the other person’s needs, be *polite*, show *empathy*, be *caring* and *tolerant*.

“This is my final word for men, when it comes to dating, no means no,” Rehman said. “Men should never second-guess a woman.”

His advice for women: “Think through before making a decision, don’t let a man second-guess you.”

Leticia Fierros-Garza, a mental health counselor at Student Health Services, said there are some things that students need to look out for in a relationship.

“One of the things is to make sure they have communication with their boyfriend or their partner, also to make sure that they can maintain the same power between both partners,” Fierros-Garza said.

Student Health Services offers students education on what a healthy relationship looks like, she said. There are many ways to determine whether a student is in an unhealthy relationship.

“Examine the power. Do they have any power in this relationship? Is this partner telling them what to do and when to do it? Are they allowed to speak to other people? Are they being told what to do? Are they being emotionally abused?” Fierros-Garza said.

The first thing students should do when in an unhealthy relationship is to break it off, she said.

Fierros-Garza said there is a three-stage cycle of violence. The first one, is when the emotional abuse starts, the second is when the physical abuse is going on, the third stage is when the abuser promises to change and is nice for a while until the cycle starts again.

“If they need further services, they can come and talk to us here at Student Health Services,” she said of students in unhealthy relationships. “If they feel that they are being physically abused, they can always call Campus Police.”

Another component in unhealthy relationships is co-dependency. Students can find support for co-dependency at Celebrate Recovery, a support ministry offered by Brownsville Community Fellowship Church.

Celebrate Recovery Ministry Leader Leslie Galvan said co-dependency is a multifaceted issue.

“It’s an addiction to people in relationships,” Galvan said. “The co-dependent relies on the illusion

that they have control over their own life and everybody else’s.

“A co-dependent person thinks, if I do this, they should do that. If I don’t tell anyone he hits me, he’ll stay with me. If I ignore how much he drinks, he will trust me. If I pretend there is nothing wrong, then they will accept me.

She said a co-dependent person will become upset or depressed if that reaction isn’t achieved.

Galvan said co-dependent people use the following coping skills: assuming responsibility for other people’s feelings and behaviors, feeling guilty about other’s feelings and behaviors, having difficulty identifying and expressing their feelings, being afraid of their anger, worrying about how others might respond to their behaviors and feelings, having difficulty making decisions, having the fear of being rejected or hurt by others, minimizing or denying how they feel, sensitivity toward others feelings, valuing other’s opinions over their own, embarrassed to receive praise or recognition, judging everything they think say or do, being a perfectionist and remaining in harmful situations.

A former UTB/TSC student, Galvan said she was in many co-dependent relationships.

“One of the biggest things for me was I would remain in a harmful situation, because I wanted to be accepted,” she said. “Students are in an environment where they want to fit in.”

Galvan said co-dependency is a problem because it causes people to live outside of reality.

“You live in this world where you think you can control another person, or the situation,” she said. “What you’re doing is you’re setting yourself up for failure and disappointment, because it’s not going to go the way you want it to go.”

Once a student realizes they are co-dependent, he or she should talk about it and seek help. Galvan said Celebrate Recovery is a safe place where students can get help.

“It’s a place where you can come and people will encourage you to make healthy decisions,” she said, “a place where you can come and vent, and talk about what’s going on. No one is going to fix you and judge you; they’re going to listen to you.”

Celebrate Recovery offers a service where attendees can hear a lesson about steps that can help with co-dependency and other issues. After the service, there is an open share time, where attendees can express themselves in front of others who are going through the same issues.

There is also a 12-step, yearlong study program, which takes members through workbooks with questions that help them figure out why they are the way they are.

Galvan, who has attended Celebrate Recovery for eight years, said the ministry has helped her in many ways.

“Celebrate Recovery has helped me in my relationships at home, with my loved ones and life in general,” she said. “It’s helped me come to see what my life really is. As a co-dependent, I lived in

another world, just believing that I was in control of everything, and I’m not in control of everything, God is in control of everything.

Celebrate Recovery meets at 7 p.m. every Friday and the 12-step program study group at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Brownsville Community Fellowship Church, 2390 Central Blvd. For more information, call the church office at 544-4248.

HEALTH

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Fuentes-Martin invited the SGA to participate in the committee, get involved in the discussions and share ideas.

“We did something like this about seven years ago called the Futures Commission. ... We did build the REK Center, we did open a radio station, we did offer more scholarships, we did a lot of things based on that Futures Commission,” she said.

The first meeting of the commission was scheduled to take place last Thursday. The next three meetings are as follows: 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 4, Oct. 10 and Oct. 17 in the Student Union’s Gran Salón.

The next SGA meeting will be held at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday in Student Union 2.16.

LATIN

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we do. We’ve done this concert without any budget ever since we started and we will continue doing this concert no matter what is happening around us. We get paid a salary, and as part of our salary, playing is our research or composing is our research. It is in our contract to play at certain intervals; it’s expected, and our students, as part of their education, are expected to play.”

The concert will feature the music of composers from Spain, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and Costa Rica. The music compiled includes traditional and contemporary music, including “*Vals Poético*,” composed by Enrique Granados of Spain (1867-1916) and performed by Assistant Professor Kenneth Saxon on piano; “*La Catedral*,” composed by Agustin Barrios of Paraguay (1885-1944) and performed by adjunct faculty member Jonathon Dotson on guitar; and “*Xaranga de Vovo*,” composed by Celso Machado of Brazil (1953) and performed by Associate Professor Michael Quantz and Dotson on guitar.

The concert will also feature Mariachi Escorpión, directed by Associate Professor Antonio Briseño; the Faculty Jazz Quintet; the Rio Bravo Wind Ensemble, directed by Associate Professor Allen Clark; UTB and TSC Clarinet Ensemble, directed by Assistant Professor Jonathan Guist; and, performing for the first time, UTB Marimba Reyna del Valle, directed by adjunct faculty member David Lopez.

Asked if the musical pieces from Brazil, Costa Rica and other countries would be performed by natives of those countries, Urbis replied: “No, the composers are

from those countries. Except in one case, the performer, Juan Pablo Andrade, is a visiting professor from Costa Rica. We asked him to play music from the nation that he comes from and he has.

“In fact, [the composer] Carlos Escalante-Macaya, is a friend of Andrade, which I think is pretty cool. That in itself is kind of distinctive; it’s never been done before.”

SERVICE

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International decided to undertake because by 2015 they want to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the world,” she said. “By doing so, we want to raise [\$110 million] as the Kiwanis family.

“When you become governor, you have the option of creating your governor’s project. Not every governor has a project and that’s fine, but I’ve been very passionate about the Eliminate Project and about how you can do so little and do so much at the same time. So, I wanted to raise that awareness, not just [among] Circle K in my district, but anyone in my community about how a \$1.80 can save a life.”

Every year, tetanus kills nearly 100,000 mothers and newborns, according to the United Nations Children’s Fund’s (UNICEF) website. Through a partnership with Kiwanis International, the two organizations want to eventually immunize 129 million women.

“Vaccines are \$1.80. ... So, it’s very inexpensive,” Zavala said. “The Eliminate Project is my project as a governor, so I’m asking my Circle K members in the Texas-Oklahoma district. We want to raise \$5,000. I told them to eliminate something out of their day; most of them are eliminating coffee.

“When you get a dosage, you can save a mother and the future children, so you’re saving at least two lives with a \$1.80.”

After her projected graduation in May 2013, Zavala would like to remain at UTB/TSC and enroll in the public policy master’s program.

“My ultimate goal—I would like [to be a] city commissioner one day,” she said. I feel that here as leaders we have a lot of potential. Nothing gives me better pride than seeing kids from Brownsville telling me that I’m the volunteer girl and they want to be just like me because they saw me in the paper and I met President Obama.”

Zavala encourages students to join Circle K International.

Meetings are held at 5 p.m. every first and third Friday of the month in the Student Union’s Salón Gardenia. For more information, e-mail Zavala at sanjuana.zavala@gmail.com.

BEYOND

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place. For example, the system has to be manually configured, which usually takes a couple of

hours. The observations take place at night and with the time-consuming task of configuring the system, it is hard for the researchers because they are students who have to attend class during the day.

With this in mind, Puente was assigned to make the system fully automated by synchronizing the observatory’s equipment so that the team could set up an Internet port to remotely communicate with the observatory from home.

In order to accomplish the objective, Puente must synchronize the system’s GPS 16-inch optical telescope, the auto focuser, camera, light filter wheel, two electronic cards that control the roof’s rotation and operation of the shutter and hatch.

After the synchronization is completed, any member of the team will be able to log on to a server and type in some celestial coordinates and exposure time of an object to observe from any computer on campus or remote location around the world.

This system would be useful since the observatory is scheduled to be moved to the Resaca de la Palma State Park in Olmito because there is less light pollution. Puente said it is hard to take a photograph of a faint object deep in space with a 400-watt light bulb in front of the telescope.

“It is expected to [be] moved by the end of the semester; the latest will be this upcoming semester,” Puente said.

The automated process will serve as a pilot project for one of UT-Brownsville’s projects in Argentina.

UTB is assisting in the effort to launch a new observatory in Argentina in collaboration with *Universidad Nacional de Cordoba*, Texas A&M University and the California Institute of Technology. The automation of the equipment is important because of the remote location of the telescope in Argentina. The location is 15,000 feet above sea level and is difficult to reach.

Fuentes has been at the location and said that the lack of oxygen was noticeable after a few steps.

“It is not a very friendly environment to be in,” Fuentes said.

Without oxygen tanks, the operation would be nearly impossible; therefore, an automated system is greatly needed, she said.

LEADERSHIP

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years ago,” Longoria said.

He is the author of “*Los Amigos de Becky*,” “*El Condado de Becklen: Klail City*” and “*This Migrant Earth*.”

“He will be talking about, more than likely, some of the characters from his books and then he will tie them in to how they relate to leadership and the importance of culture,” Longoria said.

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Estudiantes serán estrellas por una noche

Comienzan las inscripciones para el show de talento estudiantil anual

Por Viridiana Zúñiga
EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Quince estudiantes ya están inscritos en Noche de Estrellas, un evento en el que los alumnos suben al escenario para asombrar a la audiencia con su talento.

Patrocinado por la oficina de Student Life, el programa se llevará a cabo el 19 de octubre a las 7 p.m. en el Lecture Hall de SET-B.

“Noche de Estrellas es un show estudiantil anual de talentos en el que los alumnos del campus compiten en varios formatos y medios”, dijo Sergio Martínez, director de Student Life. “Vemos bailes, cantos, una variedad de distintos actos especiales y comedia”.

Todos los alumnos de UTB y TSC están invitados a participar. Los estudiantes pueden formar grupos de hasta tres personas.

“Los estudiantes deben inscribirse por internet en un sitio llamado Eventbrite”, dijo Martínez. “Hay espacio para 25 participantes”.

A la fecha, hay 15 estudiantes inscritos y 10 puestos disponibles. La inscripción termina el 12 de octubre.

Cada participante contará con tres minutos para realizar su presentación.

“Vamos a considerar su desempeño en general, el efecto



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Frank Orozco, estudiante graduado que fungirá como juez en el evento, durante una presentación de Noche de Estrellas del año pasado.

que tienen en el público y comparar su talento con el de los demás participantes”, Martínez dijo.

El primer, segundo y tercer lugar recibirán \$300, \$150 y \$50, respectivamente.

Las presentaciones serán juzgadas por tres personas, incluyendo a Beatriz Becerra-Barckholtz, directora de Student Success, y Frank Orozco, estudiante graduado de UTB/TSC, que fue el maestro de ceremonias el año pasado.

Los jueces evaluarán el desempeño de los estudiantes, su entrega, el efecto que causen en el público y su habilidad en general.

“Queremos ver talentos reales”, dijo Becerra-Barckholtz. “Debido a que el evento se llama Noche de Estrellas, queremos que la gente ponga todo su talento en la presentación”.

Martínez describió el proceso que los jueces seguirán para elegir al ganador como “subjetivo”.

“Tratamos de llevar un puntaje; le daremos a los jueces una pequeña hoja de puntuación, que servirá como guía”, dijo Martínez. “Pero ellos tendrán que discutir y votar por el estudiante que dio una mejor presentación esa noche”.

Este evento fue una iniciativa de Aragelia Salazar, asesora de

los estudiantes internacionales, hace nueve años, pero la oficina de Student Life lo adoptó como uno de sus programas.

“En ese entonces nosotros también hacíamos un show de talento. Entonces, en vez de tener varios, decidimos hacer sólo uno”, dijo Martínez.

La entrada al evento tiene un costo de \$3 para los estudiantes con identificación y \$5 para el público en general.

“Quienes han ido, se han quedado boquiabiertos por el talento y la variedad de las presentaciones que realizan los estudiantes”, dijo él. “El precio es una ganga para el tipo y variedad de actos que ofrecemos en una noche”.

El público también tendrá la oportunidad de votar por su favorito a través de Facebook.

“Estamos pidiendo a los participantes que manden una fotografía de rostro y describan brevemente lo que harán en el evento; pondremos esas fotos en Facebook y la gente podrá elegir a su favorito”, dijo Martínez. “Quien tenga más *likes* o me gusta, ganará \$50 y será anunciado la noche del show”.

La votación dará comienzo el 15 de octubre y concluirá el 19 de octubre a las 7 p.m.

Para inscribirse en el evento, visite www.nochedestrellas.eventbrite.com.

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Promedio: 3.91

Ciudad natal: Bayamón, Puerto Rico.

Pasatiempos: “Jugar baloncesto e ir al gimnasio”.

¿Cuáles son tus metas?

“Terminar el programa en el que actualmente estoy y entrar a la escuela de medicina”.

¿Por qué escogiste la especialidad que actualmente estudias?

“Porque de esta manera puedo ayudar a la gente, y me encanta la medicina”.

¿Quién es tu inspiración o modelo a seguir? “Mi padre porque, a mi criterio, es la persona más dedicada que conozco”.

¿Cuál sería tu trabajo ideal?

“Ser doctor en el estado de Florida”.

¿Qué técnicas usas para estudiar? “Trabajo con empeño y dedicación dándole seguimiento a las prioridades”.

¿Cuál es tu consejo para los alumnos de nuevo ingreso?

“Que no falten a clase y den uso debido del tiempo”.

Anécdota: “Para propaganda de la universidad, una vez tomaron una foto en la cual salí con mi ex novia bajando el puente tomados de la mano. Dos años después, esa foto siguió apareciendo en la página de internet de la escuela; por ello, mis amistades me preguntaban a cada rato si había regresado con ella”.

--Recopilado por Eréndira Santillana

La obligación de compartir tu opinión

Organizan Rock the Vote para ayudar a los estudiantes en edad de votar

Por Kaila Contreras

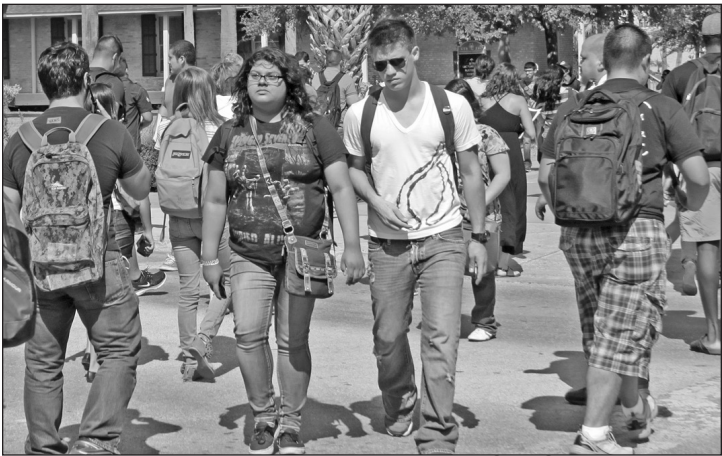
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La oficina de Student Life, Center for Civic Engagement y la clase de Speech 1311 del profesor John A. Cook, patrocinarán el evento *Rock the Vote* el miércoles de 10 a.m. a 1 p.m. en el patio de Student Union.

El director de Student Life Sergio Martínez dijo que el propósito de *Rock the Vote* es concientizar y recordar a los estudiantes que deben inscribirse para votar.

“Estamos trabajando con Center for Civic Engagement y especialistas de Civic Engagement y nos han ayudado a buscar voluntarios en el campus para ayudar a los estudiantes a inscribirse para votar”, dijo Martínez.

El evento consistirá en pláticas,



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Estudiantes de UTB/TSC cruzando el paseo peatonal durante el cambio de clases el 11 de septiembre.

comida, música y regalos para enseñar a los alumnos la importancia de votar. La última vez que se celebró *Rock the Vote* fue en el 2008. Se espera la asistencia de 300 estudiantes.

“Hemos trabajado con John Cook y su clase para encontrar algunos estudiantes que hablen de la importancia de votar”, dijo Martínez.

Veintisiete estudiantes de

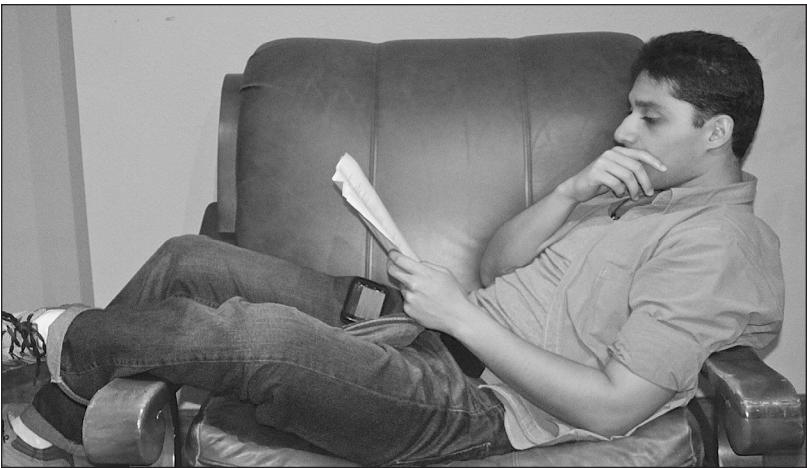
Cook participarán y coordinarán un paseo de la libre expresión y cinco secretarios adjuntos, alumnos en la clase de Cook, estarán presentes para auxiliar a los estudiantes en su inscripción.

“Un paseo de la libre expresión es algo con lo que los estudiantes están familiarizados; lo hacemos muy seguido en el campus”, dijo Cook, que también funge como jefe del departamento de comunicación. “Invitamos a cualquiera a venir y dar un discurso de dos minutos sobre votar”.

Él espera que este evento ayude a sus estudiantes a darse cuenta de la importancia de hablar en público.

Para más información, llame a la oficina de Student Life al 882-5138 o al Center for Civic Engagement al 882-4300.

Con los ojos puestos en la meta



Rogelio J. García, estudiante de computación de tercer año, lee sus notas en La Sala de Student Union el pasado miércoles.

BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN



Un colibrí de garganta roja (*Archilochus colubris*) se alimenta del néctar de la planta lágrimas de amor (*Russelia equisetiformis*) afuera del edificio de Science and Engineering Technology el 25 de septiembre.

HÉCTOR AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

Men's soccer starts conference 3-0

UTB/TSC beats University of Southwest at home

By **Dennis Ortiz**
SPORTS EDITOR

The UTB/TSC Men's Soccer Team beat the University of Southwest 5-2 at home last Thursday in a game featuring two productive offenses.

Midfielder Jose Galvan scored in the ninth minute of play, followed by two goals by Southwest in the 15th and 23rd minutes.

In the 40th minute, UTB/TSC midfielder Orrin Farrell was able to score before halftime. Adjustments made by Coach Dan Balaguero paid off for UTB/TSC as they scored three unanswered goals in the 49th, 59th and 63rd minutes.

University of Southwest traveled from Hobbs, N.M., to play at UTB/TSC.

Scores of UTB/TSC and University of the Southwest fans attended the game. They were treated to fajita tacos and soft drinks by Student Life. The UTB/TSC Drum Line performed throughout the match, the first of seven soccer and volleyball games to be played at home last week.

"It was really good being back home," midfielder Nestor Morales said after the game. "We kind of struggled at the

beginning, but thank God we got the result at the end."

Forward Leo Medeiros said: "We started a little bit slow. In the second half we played more of our game ... and stayed more with the ball."

Before the game, Coach Dan Balaguero told *The Collegian* he was "expecting some energy because we're at home."

"It's going to be two difficult games," Balaguero said, referring to Southwest and Texas Wesleyan University, which UTB/TSC was scheduled to play last Saturday. "Against Wiley [College] I thought we played quite well. I'm hoping we can build on that and do well on Thursday."

UTB/TSC shut out Wiley College 2-0 Sept. 22 on its home field, the team's third win of the season and second in conference. Orrin Farrell and Henry Moody each scored a goal, the team's third win of the season and second in conference. Farrell and defender Henry Moody each scored a goal.

"The game against Wiley was pretty hard," UTB/TSC goalkeeper Benjamin Perez told *The Collegian*. "At halftime, we had to calm down. So in the second



STACY G. FOUND/COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC midfielder Victor Parreiras (left) watches as the ball he headed makes it past the University of the Southwest goalie to score the fifth goal of the game on the UTB/TSC Soccer Field last Thursday. UTB/TSC defeated University of the Southwest 5-2.

half, we scored two goals and that way we were able to manage the whole game."

On Sept. 20, the men edged the University of St. Thomas-Houston 3-2. Jose Galvan, Ricardo Diegues, Archie Massen all scored for UTB/TSC. Diegues had an assist and a shot on goal on the

day.

As of press time Thursday, the men's overall record stood at 3-23 and 3-0 in conference.

Women corral Southwest Mustangs

A home win gives UTB/TSC 2-0 record in conference

By **Dennis Ortiz**
SPORTS EDITOR

The UTB/TSC Women's Soccer Team shut out the University of the Southwest Lady Mustangs 4-0 at home last Thursday.

UTB/TSC played with authority on offense for the majority of the game. After a collision with the Mustang goalie, midfielder Katherine Vega had to leave the game, but returned later after being cleared by the athletic trainer.

Defensively, UTB/TSC stopped the Lady Mustangs from crossing midfield for most of the game. On offense, pressure from the start and several shots on goal were all UTB/TSC needed to win.

"I thought it went really well," UTB/TSC midfielder Abigail Perez said. "We kept it intense the whole game. [The next] game will be tougher than this one, so we really have to come out hard, and we'll see how we do."

Leah Russell, who scored in the 27th minute, told *The Collegian*, "It was good, kind of slow, but we kept the ball

and worked the ball well. With the winning streak that we've got going on, we were mentally prepared."

The UTB/TSC squad was scheduled to play Texas Wesleyan University at home on Saturday, another quality conference opponent to visit UTB/TSC. Results

were not available at press time.

"We're expecting two wins, two home games. We want to really prove it to everybody that we can play well at home and win," defender Melissa Moreno said.

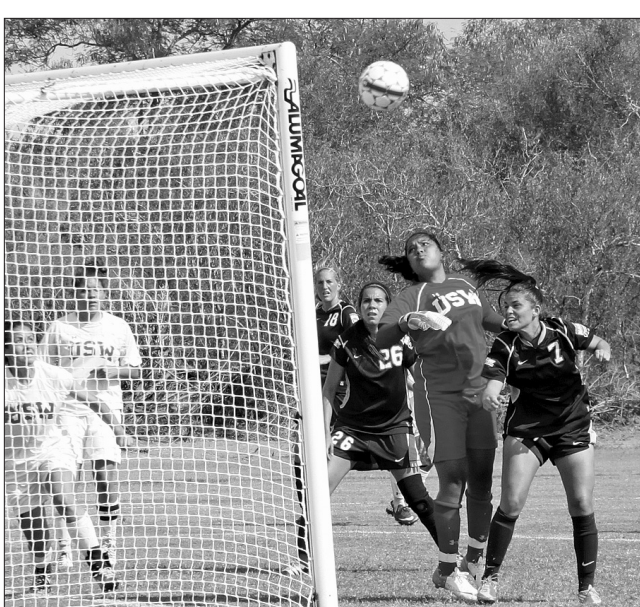
On Sept. 22, the women shut out Wiley College 11-0 on its home turf.

UTB/TSC goals were coming from all over: midfielder Nekelle Smits scored five; forward Leah Russell, two; midfielder Karla Lozano, two; Vega, one; and, forward Tabata Viera, one.

"We were patient enough to work with the ball, quick attacks when we need to and switching the ball time to time across the field, getting to the goal as quick as we can," midfielder Sarah Regalado said.

Moreno said of the game against Wiley: "I thought our communication was really good. A lot of give and goes were working. We worked really hard, with our focus on finishing."

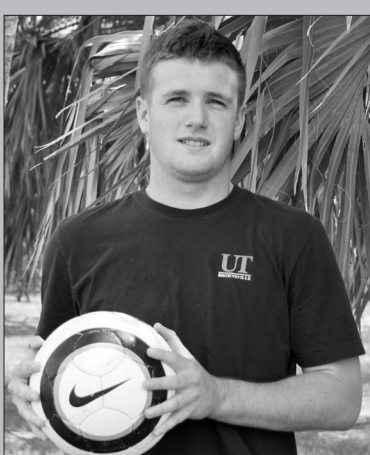
UTB/TSC's overall record stood at 4-3 and 2-0 in conference at press time Thursday.



MIGUEL ANGEL ROBERTS/COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC midfielder Isadora Freitas (second from right) heads the ball into the net to score the second goal in the game against the University of the Southwest Lady Mustangs last Thursday on the UTB/TSC Soccer Field. UTB/TSC won the game 4-0.

Athlete of the Week



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/COLLEGIAN

Name: Orrin Farrell

Class: Junior

Major: Kinesiology

Who is your role model? Steven Gerrard, captain of Liverpool's Premier League Club and England National Team

What is your favorite movie? "I watch a lot of movies, but I would have to say 'The Town,' [directed by Ben Affleck]."

How is your home country different than Brownsville? The culture and the weather is the big difference. Back home it's cold and rainy all year around.

What are your plans after you graduate? Hopefully, to carry on playing. If that doesn't work out, go into coaching soccer."

--Compiled by *Dennis Ortiz*

Game On Parade



BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC students take part in the Game On Parade last Thursday in a caravan of golf carts and automobiles on Ringgold Road to celebrate the first home games of the season.

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